

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

STATUS OF CLAIMS

In response to the Office Action dated April 5, 2007, claims 7 and 10-12 have been amended, and claims 8, 9 and 14 have been cancelled. Claims 7 and 10-13 are now pending in this application. No new matter has been added.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

I. Claims 7-13 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Parulski et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,573,927) in view of Hatakenaka et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,563,542). The Examiner admits that Parulski et al. does not disclose an all-frame number setting device. Hatakenaka et al. is relied upon by the Examiner as disclosing a print option, which commands printing of all images stored in the camera's recording medium.

In the Office Action (see page 3), the Examiner admits that "the system of Parulski and Hatakenaka does **not** disclose determining a previous number of prints which may have been set prior to setting a quantity of images to be printed (e.g. Parulski: Figure 2)." Given such statement, it is unclear how the Examiner can assert that "it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to set a number of prints to one regardless of a previous number of prints set by the each-frame print setting device if the user uses the all-frame print setting device to specify a quantity of one for all frames".

Furthermore, even if it were presumed that the Examiner's assertion were true, there is nothing in the either Parulski et al. and Hatakenaka et al. that discloses or suggests that merely actuating the PRINT ALL function disclosed in Hatakenaka et al. results in the number of prints for each frame image, which has been recorded on the recording medium together with each frame captured by the imaging device, is overwritten to "one".

A. To expedite prosecution, claims 8 and 9 have been canceled and claim 7 has been amended to delineate, *inter alia*:

...when actuated, said all-frame print number setting device sets, in the recording medium, the recorded numbers of prints for the images of all the frames to one, including frames that had recorded numbers of prints previously set to zero and frames that had recorded numbers of prints previously set to one or more via said each-frame print number setting device.

Neither Parulski et al. nor Hatakenaka et al. disclose or suggest that when the all-frame print number setting device is actuated, the numbers of prints, which has been recorded in the recording medium, for the images of all the frames recorded on the recording medium, is set to one, regardless of what the recorded numbers of prints for each frame had previously been set to.

Thus, amended independent claim 7 is patentable over Parulski et al. and Hatakenaka et al., considered alone or in combination.

B. Claim 10 has been amended to be in independent form and delineates, *inter alia*:

"...when actuated, said all-frame print number setting device sets, in the recording medium, the recorded numbers of prints for the images of

frames that had recorded numbers of prints previously set to zero to one, leaving the frames that had recorded numbers of prints previously set to one or more, via said each-frame print number setting device, as currently set.”

Neither Parulski et al. nor Hatakenaka et al. disclose or suggest that when the all-frame print number setting device is actuated, the numbers of prints, which has been recorded in the recording medium, for the images of frames that had recorded numbers of prints previously set to zero is set to one, leaving the frames that had recorded numbers of prints previously set to one or more as currently set.

Thus, amended claim 10 is patentable over Parulski et al. and Hatakenaka et al., considered alone or in combination.

C. Claim 11 has been amended to be in independent form and delineates, *inter alia*:

“...when actuated, said all-frame print number setting device increases, in the recording medium, the recorded numbers of prints for images of all frames recorded in the recording medium by one, including frames that had recorded numbers of prints previously set to zero or more, via said each-frame print number setting device.”

Neither Parulski et al. nor Hatakenaka et al. disclose or suggest that when the all-frame print number setting device is actuated, the numbers of prints, which has been recorded in the recording medium, for the images of all the frames is increased by one, including frames that had recorded numbers of prints previously set to zero or more.

Thus, amended claim 11 is patentable over Parulski et al. and Hatakenaka et al., considered alone or in combination.

D. Claim 12 has been amended to be in independent form and delineates, *inter alia*:

“...when actuated, said all-frame print number setting device searches for an image file of all frames that have not been designated for printing among all the frames recorded in said recording medium, and sets the number of prints for the image of said all frames that have not been designated for printing to one.”

Neither Parulski et al. nor Hatakenaka et al. disclose or suggest that when the all-frame print number setting device is actuated, a search is made for an image file of all frames that have been recorded on the recording medium that have **not** been designated for printing, and the number of prints for the image for every frame that has **not** been designated for printing is set to one.

Thus, amended claim 12 is patentable over Parulski et al. and Hatakenaka et al., considered alone or in combination.

E. In view of the above, the allowance of claims 7 and 10-13, as amended, is respectfully solicited.

II. Claim 14 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Parulski et al. in view of Anderson (U.S. Patent No. 6,249,316).

The rejection is moot as to cancelled claim 14.

CONCLUSION

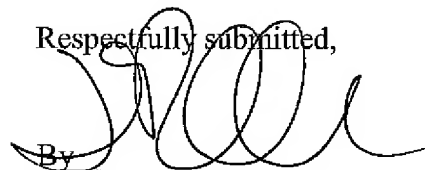
In view of the above amendments, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Edward J. Wise (Reg. No. 34,523) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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